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27 March 1964

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, United States Intelligence Board

SUBJECT: NRO Briefing on Improved Satellite Reconnaissance Systems

1. After the briefing by Dr. McMillan presented to the Board on 18 March (a summary by the Executive Secretary, USIB is attached), I requested Dr. McMillan's office to provide the same briefing to COMOR. On 25 March, General Martin replied that the briefing to COMOR would be provided on 2 April. However, he indicated that the extent of the briefing would be governed by the clearances of the COMOR members in attendance. He was well aware when giving this reply that COMOR members are not cleared [redacted] which deal with the most important aspect of Dr. McMillan's description of advanced systems.

2. It seems to me that COMOR can hardly serve the Board's interests in these matters if it is not briefed. I encountered this same problem in July of 1962 with regard to the then advanced programs for LANYARD [redacted] which finally came to COMOR's full knowledge about six or eight months later.

3. Recommendation: That you request General Martin to clear the COMOR members for [redacted] and then provide the briefing as I had originally requested.

[redacted]

James Q. Reber
Chairman
Committee on Overhead Reconnaissance

NRO review(s) completed.

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If a is not successful, NRO should launch another KH-4 as soon as possible.

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* CIA and State do not believe that there is now an intelligence need to launch the standby vehicle (9064-M). Excellent coverage was achieved by 1004-J

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